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For :METHOD FOR PREDICTING FUNCTIONS OF PROTEIN

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

In claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to ---claim 1---.

In claim 5, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to claim 1---.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "or claim 6".

### REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application.